

## House Resolution 720 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>, Rogers of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Funeral Service Profession; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the time following the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult periods  
4 in an individual's life; and

5 WHEREAS, the funeral service profession has the responsibility of providing efficient and  
6 compassionate service during this difficult period; and

7 WHEREAS, Georgia's regulation of the funeral service profession should ensure that funeral  
8 service providers in Georgia are meeting the highest standards of the profession.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
10 there is created the House Study Committee on the Funeral Service Profession to be  
11 composed of eight members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and shall consist  
12 of one member of the Georgia Funeral Practitioners Association, one member of the Georgia  
13 Funeral Directors Association, one member of the Independent Funeral Directors of Georgia,  
14 two members of the Georgia Funeral Service Board, and three members of the Georgia  
15 House of Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as  
16 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the general  
18 issues present in the funeral service profession, including, but not limited to, hours of  
19 operation, full and continuous management in charge at the funeral facilities, and compliance  
20 with Federal Trade Commission standards. The committee shall meet three times: May of  
21 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia; June of 2007 in Dalton, Georgia; and August of 2007 in Tifton,  
22 Georgia. The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances authorized  
23 for legislative members of interim legislative committees but shall receive the same for not  
24 more than three days unless additional days are authorized. The funds necessary to carry out

1 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of  
2 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be  
4 made on or before December 31, 2007. The committee shall stand abolished on December  
5 31, 2007.